

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 400
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 24 October 2017

The meeting was opened by President Phyl Hill at 9.40am. Phyl welcomed members and two visitors – Kay Burdett and Belle Smyth.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the September 2017 General Meeting were presented by Yvonne Chandler. The Minutes had been confirmed by the Committee and were accepted by the members.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerry Turner presented her report, printed in the Newsletter and accepted by the members.

Treasurer's Report
September 2017

Business chq a/c

Opening balance 1/09/2017	1745.26
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Expenses	41.30
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Closing balance 30/09/2017	1703.76
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Business Access a/c	1695.91
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Membership Report: Membership Convenor Carla was ill, and John Rudd presented the report. We had 2 LM and 36 ordinary members attending. Apologies were received from Jan and Lawrie Gee, Elaine Craig, Gerry Turner, Bill Jackson and Narelle Mayes, Annette Lutz, David Minshall, Ruth Mills, Carla Hurley, Helen Goudge, Lorraine and Kevin Southgate, Thelma and Patrick Leonard, Barbara and John Orme, David and Hermione Dunbar, Joan Vella, Jeff Bradshaw and Jenny Baker. Phyl noted that there were a number of trips on this date, explaining the number of absences.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Chris Dillon reminded us that today's speaker is Stephen Clarke – Town Crier for Gosford Council. In November the Bush Poet and author Ros Baker will be with us.

Social Convenor's Report: Vice President acted for Joan who is absent. He reminded us that the Christmas Luncheon will be at 11.30am at Breakers Country Club. The cost is \$40 for a two-course meal. Our Bush Picnic will be held at Kincumba Mountain on Tuesday 14 November at 11.30 am. Pay \$10 when you register today. Please bring your own tables and chairs. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Welfare Report: In Narelle and Jenny's absence President Phyl welcomed Bev Boon back to our meeting after her recent surgery. Isabelle Drew is receiving treatment and our best wishes have been sent. The family wishes to maintain privacy at this time.

Theatre Report: Di Rudd has arranged for 10 members to go to the production of Chicago at the Laycock Theatre. She is still waiting for the program from the Woy Woy Little Theatre before deciding whether we wish to take advantage of their concession if we attend their 4 plays in a season. She is also looking at the program for the new Wyong Theatre for future outing possibilities.

Editor's Report: Elizabeth wanted to thank our photographers - Marie Riley, Di Rudd and Bill Clark - for the many photographs which enhance our Newsletter each month. She would welcome photographs from any other member for this purpose. She would also appreciate newsletter items about any special activities

or achievements by members for us to share. President Phyl praised Elizabeth for the wonderful job she is doing in the production of the Newsletter.

Bushwalking : Convenor Bob Cochrane told of the Wagstaffe Wander which was the final Bushwalk for the year. He complimented the Butlers on their hospitality on this walk. Due to warmer weather Bushwalking is now in recess until March 2018.

Golf: John Rudd reminded us that the golfing year is drawing to a close with the annual championship which is almost completed. the Championship lunch will be held at Breakers Golf Club on Friday 17 November at 12.30pm. Members are welcome to join golfers for this occasion.

President's Report: Phyl drew attention to our 400th meeting today, but due to many members being away we decided to recognise this milestone in a small way at our November meeting. At our Christmas Lunch in December, it is suggested that we bring a suitable item for a Christmas gift to those being cared for by Coast Shelter. There will be a list with details when Phyl receives the information. If you are not coming to the lunch you may wish to bring such a gift at our November meeting.

Profile talk: We were fortunate to have David Butler speak about his interest in growing native orchids. This has been a long-time hobby over 20 years. David had examples of the stages of the growing cycle for us to pass around which added to our interest. Orchid seed is very fine and is germinated in sterile jars which allows for shipping around the world to those who grow these small beauties. In Japan they are trying to integrate these orchids with Japanese flora and 21 types have been sent to this activity. David brought several plants in flower and we loved the delicate blooms in a variety of colour. Perhaps if you are in the bush some time where ferns grow you may like to keep an eye out for some growing in their native habitat.

General Business: Richard Collins reminded us of the concert to be held by his band Tempo Terrific at the Kincumber Uniting Church on 19 November at 2.00pm. All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of music.

We broke for Morning Tea.

Speaker: We gained an instant impression of the nature of Steve Clark's talk when he appeared dressed in his colourful uniform as Town Crier for the Gosford City Council a position he has held since 1990. The bell and bugle opening fanfare set the scene for a very entertaining presentation. As Town Crier Steve has official jobs in street parades, welcomes and citizenship ceremonies, serving under 10 Lord Mayors. He listed the qualifications for this role as - a big moustache, a love of serving the community, and a loud voice to gain attention. It was interesting to learn that this function had its beginnings in the 1066 Battle of Hastings, before spreading throughout England. In modern times there are regular competitions for Town Criers from around the world and Steve enjoys taking part in these. The final part of Steve's talk involved some of our members competing in a bugle blowing competition with varying success. It was all good fun and kept us happily enthralled.

Vote of thanks: Peter Mear thanked Stephen for all the entertainment he had provided at our meeting. It was most enjoyable.

Draw lucky door prize: Drawn by Stephen and won by Gloria Reid.

President Phyl closed the meeting at 11.30am thanking all who helped with the morning's activities. She reminded members that lunch would be held at Kincumber Pub. All are welcome to attend.

Signed as a correct record: Phyl Hill, President